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Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"Will the hon. the Revenue Member call for information from the Collectors as to the original extent of the grants and the present extent of the grants and the nature of their administration at present?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I will consider the hon. Member's suggestion."

Rendition of Sivaganga.

* 104 *Q.*—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Estate of Sivaganga is in a progressive condition without debts under the management of the present Estate Collector representing the Court of Wards; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to state the probable time of rendition of Sivaganga Estate from the management of the Court of Wards to the Raja of Sivaganga?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the Annual Administration reports of the Court of Wards which have been published.

(*b*) It is not at present possible to say.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I ask whether the estate of Sivaganga is still indebted?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I think it is just out of debt at present."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I ask why the estate should still continue under the Court of Wards?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"Because the conditions under which it was taken over still continue."

Alleged delay in the disposal of business by the Tahsildar, Mangalore.

* 105 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Tahsildar and Head Accountant of the Mangalore Taluk office and the staff of the same, unnecessarily ill-treat and inordinately delay the work of respectable landlords that happen to go on business to the taluk office?

A.—The Government have not the information. They have received no complaints of any such conduct.

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask the Government if after they received this interpellation from a responsible member of this Council, they called for information and ascertained whether the allegations made therein are true or not?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" It is very difficult to call for a report on such vague statements as this. If any particular instances are brought to the notice of the Government they will have the matter enquired into by the Collector."

Landlord and Tenants

Collection of 'kattalai' by the Zamindar of Udaiyarpalaiyam.

* 106 *Q*.—Mr. V. T. ARASU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Zamindar of Udaiyarpalaiyam has been permitted by the Government to collect 'kattalai' (collection fees) by means of any special order?

A.—No.

Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" May I ask whether it is legal for a zamindar to collect any kattalai fees? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" That is a matter for the Court to decide."

Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" May I ask whether it is a fact that in 1912 Government issued a specific order to the zamindars that they should not collect kattalai fees? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" I should like notice of the question."

Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" May I ask whether the Government are aware of the fact that courts have decided that the collection of kattalai fees is illegal and that the zamindars should not collect them? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" I am not at present acquainted with this fact."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know whether the Government will issue orders preventing the collection of these kattalai fees? " 11-15 a.m.

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" This is a matter which should be decided by the Courts, as I have already stated."

Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" Will the hon. Member be pleased to state whether he is aware that kattalai fees are being collected by the Zamindar of Udaiyarpalaiyam? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" I am not aware of it."

Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" May I ask whether the Government will make enquiries and if they find that these fees are collected, will they direct the Udaiyarpalaiyam Zamindar to stop this collection? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" No, Sir. The Estates Land Act deals with the matter."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" Will the hon. the Member be pleased to state whether the Government will give Police aid for the collection of these fees? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" The matter is regulated by the provisions of the Madras Estates Land Act."